

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 14, with the following redlined paragraph:

A measure as an alternative to or supplemental to the above-described sound-reduction measures can also involve providing portions of a rotor blade, in particular the rotor blade leading edge, with an anti-erosion lacquer or paint. For example a solvent-bearing 2-component PUR lacquer with TEFLON~~teflon~~-like surface properties can be provided as such an anti-erosion lacquer. Hitherto, anti-erosion foils or sheets have been glued onto rotor blade leading edges in order to prevent erosion of the rotor blade leading edge due to dirt particles/rain/hail etc. Gluing on that foil is very complicated and troublesome and has to be carried out with an extremely great amount of care in order to prevent it from rapidly becoming detached in operation. In spite of the greatest amount of care being applied, it nonetheless repeatedly happens that the applied foils come loose, which under some circumstances can also result in an increase in the sound level in operation, but at any event causes high servicing costs as the detached or protruding foil pieces (foil corners) have to be re-secured to the rotor blade again or fresh foils have to be fitted.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 1, with the following redlined paragraph:

A sliding or slippery sealant as is offered by Coelan under the designation VP 1970M, is suitable as an anti-erosion lacquer with which it is possible to eliminate the problems of the known anti-erosion foil. That involves a solvent-bearing 2-component PUR lacquer having TEFLON~~teflon~~-like surface properties and the following characteristics: